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An Act To Provide Representation for Dog Clubs on the Animal Welfare Advisory Council

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 405, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Membership. The council consists of ~~12~~13 members appointed by the Governor as follows:

- A. One member representing municipal interests;
- B. One animal control officer;
- C. One member representing licensed animal shelters;
- D. One member representing licensed boarding or breeding kennels;
- E. One member representing licensed pet shops;
- F.
- G. One member who is or has been a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State;
- H. One member who represents the interests of the public in animal welfare, generally;
- I. One attorney with experience in animal welfare law;
- J. One cooperative extension agent or specialist;
- K. One member with expertise in equine care;
- L. One member with expertise in livestock representing a statewide farming organization; ~~and~~
- M. One member representing a ~~State-based~~state-based animal advocacy group.; ~~and~~
- N. One member representing a state-based federation of dog clubs.

In making the appointment of the veterinarian member, the Governor shall consider nominations made by the Maine Veterinary Medical Association.

SUMMARY

This bill adds a representative from a state-based federation of dog clubs, such as the Federation of Maine Dog Clubs, to the Animal Welfare Advisory Council.